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THE NEW BAPTIST COLLEGE.

Plans For a Temporary Structure Received by the Promotor of Enterprise.

WILL RECEIVE PUPILS THIS FALL.

A Great Educational Institution For Alamogordo Which Will Materially Aid the Growth of the Town—Waller's Campaign.

Rev. C. C. Waller has received plans for a temporary building to be used in connection with Baptist college of Alamogordo, he will present for acceptance to the Educational Board when it meets here on the 27th. The temporary building is excellently planned and will cost about \$7,000. Mr. Waller desires to push the building to completion at an early date and have it ready for occupancy this fall. It is to be a two story affair and the plans selected by him make an excellent appearance. The college which will be ultimately erected will cost \$100,000, and will be utilized for the education of pupils from the entire territory.

Mr. Waller first arrived in Alamogordo last January and looked over the field in the interests of the Educational Commission of the Lincoln Baptist association. He considered this the best location and after arranging for a suitable site, left for his home in Texas, where he prepared plans for a \$100,000 college, and laid out the grounds for the same. He returned, having secured the association for two years, which to establish a college. He got his preliminary plan in running order and here the same plan proved so successful a campaign proper, of which he is very proud. His plan is a neat, excellently planned and executed, has

the ministers of his faith in New Mexico, and he is now assured of successfully carrying the enterprise through.

This is a decided Baptist region in religion, there being fully three to one of that denomination, compared to others. His paper has a large circulation and has built up an advertising patronage that will in time make it self sustaining without aid from the Baptist association. But, best of all to Alamogordo residents is the knowledge that a great educational institution will throw open its doors for the reception of pupils this fall.

—The celebrated Washburn mandolins, banjos and guitars at Rhombert's, P. O. block.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

Effort Should Be Made to Induce Professor Herrick to Come Here This Year.

Professor Herrick of the New Mexico University of Albuquerque, expresses the belief that the manufacture of gypsum plaster will become an important industry in this section. He is now working on an analysis of the salt deposits and thinks that they will be worth something. He also states that in the valley west here artesian water is a possibility. The professor and his able corps of assistants have accomplished much good in the territory of New Mexico through their geological surveys and an attempt will be made to induce him to come here during the year.

Tools For Fort Stanton. The comptroller of the currency in a decision just rendered, says that farming tools for the marine hospital at Fort Stanton, New Mexico, can be purchased out of the money appropriated for the maintenance of that institution. The decision was rendered at the request of the secretary of the treasury. The comptroller says that there are 10,240 acres of land in the reservation, and its cultivation affords healthful employment for the inmates of the hospital, who are under treatment for tuberculosis. He holds that the outside employment is beneficial to the inmates, and as a result any tools they may need should be paid for out of the marine hospital service fund.

—Deposit your money in the First National Bank of Alamogordo, N. M.

JICARILLA PLACER FIELDS.

They Were Sold Last Week to the American Placer Company of New York.

WELLS ARE TO BE DRILLED AT ONCE.

A Big Enterprise That Will Employ Many Men—Immense Riches Are in Sight—Primitive Methods Succeeded By Modern Machinery.

Last week the Jicarilla Placer company sold to the American Placer company 5,000 acres of placer ground in the Jicarilla mountains in Lincoln county. The American Placer company of New York, which operates at Hillsboro, is backed by New York, Cleveland and Chicago capital, and is considered one of the greatest placer mining concerns in America. The company intends to go to work in the Jicarillas immediately. A 2,800-foot capacity oil well drill has arrived, and men have been employed to operate it.

It was originally the intention of the Jicarilla Placer company to pipe water to the placers from the Capitan mountains, a distance of twenty-two miles, but when negotiations were opened with the American Placer company in December, 1899, through Col. S. I. Bean, their representative, who spent some time last year in Santa Fe, an engineer was sent to the Jicarillas to investigate the possibilities of working the placers by hydraulics. The pipe plan was abandoned for the reason that it was thought that fifteen miners' inches, the amount of water necessary to run the hydraulic machine, could easily be developed on the ground. Favorable reports were sent to the American company, and the deal was formally closed with the proviso that contiguous claims should be purchased by the Jicarilla Placer company and included in the deal. This was done, and the deeds passed to the American Placer company last week.

In addition to the drill, the company has ordered a hydraulic machine that will cost \$50,000. It is now in process of construction, and will be delivered in May. The weight of the machine without woodwork will be 180 tons, and it will have a capacity of seventy-five cubic yards an hour. In placer dirt that only runs 30 cents to the cubic yard the machine will turn out \$500,000 a year.

In that ground miners are at present only making \$2 and \$3 a day with old-fashioned tools. Three eight-hour shifts of five men each will be worked. Engineers and wood haulers will run up the total number of men to be employed to forty. Should sufficient water be developed more machines will be put in. The machine will have an electric light attachment. Boulders to the weight of five tons will be hauled by a derrick and thrown out of the way of the machine. The hydraulic apparatus will be placed on a track forty feet long and works a space of eighty feet wide, or forty feet on both sides of the track, and takes everything clean to bedrock. The dirt is carried on a car and dumped into a chute, where it passes through a series of grizzlies, the rock from the grizzlies being carried off on an endless chain. Water is turned on as the dirt is passing through a half-inch mesh and into an oscillating sluice box 24 feet long, and from this into other sluice boxes where the gold deposits, allowing the tailings to pass on to the dump.

The 5,000 acres of ground will keep the company busy for several years to work it, and the enterprise will be the means of furnishing employment to a large number of men and the expenditure of thousands of dollars annually.

The Jicarilla Placer company was organized by White Oaks people. The incorporators were Dr. M. G. Paden, Col. G. W. Pritchard and Joseph A. Gumm. Colonel Pritchard has been interested in the Jicarillas since 1879, when he with others visited the placers and located a number of claims in Ancho gulch, which is a part of the property sold to the American Placer company. The first locations were made by the Jicarilla company in October, 1898, but in 1894, four years previous, Dr. M. G. Paden and Col. G. W. Pritchard jointly made a number of locations, which, as has been stated, were increased to 5,000 acres by the Jicarilla company, and now sold to the American company.—New Mexican.

Women's Club Meeting. Meeting April 18, at Mrs. D. M. Sutherland's at La Luz.

PROGRAM.
Quotations from Tennyson.
Parliamentary Law, Chapter V.—By the Hostess.
Paper, Historical Dept., "Conquest of Mexico"—Mrs. Beasley.
Reading from Tennyson's Godiva—Mrs. Hall.
Reading "Translation from the Spanish"—Mrs. D. M. Sutherland.
Current Topics.—Mrs. Good.
CARRIE SUTHERLAND, Secretary.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

What to Do to Make the Sacramento Mountain Products Successful Sellers.

BOXING AND CRATING IMPORTANT.

This Season's Crop Will Make Money for Local Ranchmen and Fruit Growers—Now is the Time to Prepare.

W. F. Powars, New Mexico agent for the Wells-Fargo Express company, was in Alamogordo this week checking up the offices and looking after the prospects for more express business this season. He was largely instrumental in inducing Sacramento mountain farmers to put in celery crops last year, and offers some valuable suggestions to fruit growers and vegetable raisers for their guidance this year. To a News reporter he stated:

"The indications for a fine crop and an easy market for the product this year is exceptionally good. The late frosts in other parts of the territory, which practically ruined the crop, as usual have not been felt here, and the scarcity of competition will assuredly bring high prices to the local fruit growers. The Sacramento mountain region produces the finest fruit grown in the Southwest, and if the fruit growers will prepare themselves with the proper boxes and crating material, they will have no difficulty in making big money from the crop. The very best fruit will bring the lowest price if not properly packed."

"Apricots should be packed in small square baskets, and four of the baskets placed in each crate. Peaches prove good sellers when packed in California peach boxes, which weigh about twenty pounds when filled. Last year some of the shippers packed fifty pounds of apricots in their boxes, and when the fruit arrived at its destination it was crushed in the bottom and made unsalable. Tissue paper for wrapping the fruit is a good thing to consider with choice packages of peaches and apricots. Small packages of the best fruit put up in that manner will repay the grower for the trouble occasioned."

"Now is the time for the prospective shippers to prepare with boxes, baskets, crates and wrapping material, before the crop is ready. Every apple, peach and apricot grown in this region can be sold at a good profit if plans are now laid for disposing of them, and care is exercised in preparing them for the market. The train service will be much better this year than last, which will prove a great advantage to the growers."

"Last year it was demonstrated that celery raising was profitable in the mountains. Celery of the variety sought everywhere in the Southwest, and its rich flavor and crispness far exceeded any other celery placed on the market. Great care must be exercised in growing celery, and the grower cannot expect to plant it and let it remain in the ground without looking after it, and then figure on placing it on the market. Last year considerable of the crop was left in the ground until spoiled. Money can be made from the business, but it must be conducted intelligently and as a separate branch of husbandry as fruit growing. Experience in bleaching and preparing it for the market, will naturally come to those who see that there is money to be made from the industry and who contemplate following it."

"There is a good demand for cauliflower all winter. The small varieties are the best sellers. The flavor of that grown in this section is all that could be desired and is preferred to that grown in other parts of the west. The heads should be kept clean and white, free from sand, and when shipped should be packed singly in 40 or 50 pound boxes."

"Turnips and other vegetables which grow so abundantly here are always in demand and there need be no fear of an over production. Cabbage last year was a good source of revenue for truck raisers here, and ten times the amount raised could have been sold easily."

The express company will gladly extend to growers any assistance possible and will cheerfully give the benefit of experience gleaned, as to markets, prices and method of handling fruits, etc., from many years of fruit shipping and close observation of the methods employed all over the country."

Mr. Powars address is "W. F. Powars, Albuquerque, N. M."

FOR GUN PLAYS.

A San Andreas Miner Now in Jail at Alamogordo.

Jim Henley, a miner from San Andreas, who had been drinking considerable whiskey last Friday and Saturday, ended his spree by entering the store of

Brown & Jernigan and throwing a gun down on the latter requested him to cash an order. Mrs. Jernigan ran in and prevented him from shooting. He also drew a gun on Constable Duran, and then skipped out. Constable Duran took his trail and with the aid of a lantern followed him all night and next morning arrested him on the other side of La Luz. He was brought back to Tularosa and had a preliminary hearing before Judge Rosillo Lopez. He was bound over in \$3,300 bond and in default of which he was sent to jail. Constable Duran deserves credit for running down and capturing this would be murderer.—Democrat.

POSTOFFICE ROBBERY.

Thieves Enter the La Luz Office By Forcing a Window.

Special to The News.
La Luz, April 12.—The postoffice at this place was robbed last night of an amount between \$50 and \$100. The house was entered by forcing a window. Sheriff Baker is on the trail of the robbers, and it is safe to say they will be apprehended and brought to justice.

—Go to Mrs. Stannard's for Easter hats.

COUNT ON THE NEWS.

Major Llewellyn's Candidacy Espoused by the New Mexican.

It is rumored in political circles that Maj. W. H. H. Llewellyn, one of the heroes of Las Guasimas and San Juan hill, who served very acceptably and successfully as Mesquero Indian agent, and who made a most excellent speaker of the thirty-second legislative assembly, will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for the council district comprising the counties of Dona Ana and Grant. This would not be very good politics on the major's part, and his friends are of the opinion that the rumor is not correct. What the major ought to do, and it is hoped by his friends that he will do, is to become a candidate for the house from the counties of Dona Ana and Otero; if he does he will be elected by a great majority and what a fine speaker of the thirty-fourth legislative assembly he will make! The major will get there, if he is nominated. Success is chronic with him, and he is a hard and untiring worker in politics. Major, go in, and this journal will help you through thick and thin.—Santa Fe New Mexican.

—Best candy in town at Aragon Bros drug store.

Returns East.

Miss Nellie Rolland will leave Alamogordo Saturday for her home in Fenton, Michigan. She will be accompanied as far as El Paso by her brother Frank, Miss Minnie Rhombert and Mr. A. C. Hunt. Miss Rolland came to Alamogordo over a year ago for her health and returns home perfectly recovered. She has made friends with everyone with whom she came in contact during her residence here, and the whole community will regret her departure. Her bright, vivacious disposition and exemplary character, have won the love and esteem of society here and everyone hopes she will return again and make this her permanent home.

—If you stop at the Orndorff you will never go to any other hotel.

After Mexico Business.

L. B. Conroy, manager of the Alamogordo Lumber company, is home from a trip to Mexico where he went for the purpose of looking up the Mexico market for Sacramento mountain lumber. He states that the company will do a good lumber business with the railways and mining companies as far south as Torreon, and that the City of Mexico will alone use all of the box material that can be manufactured in the new box factory. Mr. Conroy will leave next week for points in Arizona and California for the purpose of arranging to place the product of Alamogordo mills on an equal footing with the lumber manufactured elsewhere.

Secret Orders.

Secret societies are making more rapid headway in New Mexico at present than they have for many years previous. New lodges of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, of Red Men, of Woodmen of the World and other beneficial organizations are being organized rapidly, and within the last few months new lodges have sprung into existence at Bland, Alamogordo, Capitan, Silver City and other towns. This is a sign of prosperity and of the increase in numbers of a desirable class of citizens. Lodges are often a training school for orators, and teach parliamentary law to many who never before knew how a meeting ought to be conducted. They instill a spirit of fraternity which means a good deal in this life, and what is best of all, they take care of the sick, the needy, the widow and the orphan like no other organization does.—Santa Fe New Mexican.

New Candidates.

Admiral Dewey has announced himself a candidate for presidential honors on any ticket. He states that he is a Democrat. Gen. Nelson Miles also craves the honor of running for president.

—Pillsbury's Best Flour is recognized to be the best in the world at Peoples Bros.

GREAT DAM AT AUSTIN BURST.

Fifty Persons Engulfed in the Flood of Water—Many Houses Swept Away.

THE FLOODS ARE GENERAL IN TEXAS.

Havoc Wrought in Various Portions of the State—Millions of Dollars' Worth of Property Loss—Distress on Lower Brazos.

The great granite dam at Austin burst last Saturday morning, and fifty persons were drowned. The dam was a piece of mechanical engineering that it was thought could withstand any flood, but the swelling waters of the Colorado proved too much for it. Lake McDonald, an artificial lake covering many square miles, was created by the dam when it was built eight years ago, and when the confined waters of the lake finally swept it away, the horrors of Johnstown flood in Pennsylvania were recalled.

The dam was built in 1893, was 60 feet high, and 28 feet thick at the base, narrowing to 8 feet at the top. It was 1,100 feet long. The lake formed by it was 25 miles long, and one steamer plied on it. The dam was built and lake created to furnish water and electric power for the city.

Hundreds of houses were washed away when the dam burst, and the loss in dollars will reach into the millions. The city of Austin is using kerosene lights and candles. An endeavor will be made to repair the dam at once.

The town of Water Valley in Tom Green county was entirely washed away, and sixty frame dwellings and business houses were ruined.

All the rivers in central Texas are out of their banks and are raging torrents. LaGrange is hemmed in by water and communication with the world is shut off. The International & Great Northern railway reports 500 washouts on its road.

In Texas county the damage to bridges amounts to \$30,000.

Lebanon was swept over by a tornado Monday and several people were killed. At San Angelo the overflows were appalling.

Nearly every acre of crops in the Lower Brazos bottom will have to be re-planted. The river is only 18 inches lower than last spring.

MESCALERO RESERVATION.

The Committee On Indian Affairs Favors Opening the Reserve to Settlers.

A resolution has been introduced in congress to open to settlement the Mescalero Indian Reservation in Otero county, N. M. This is the country just opened up and made tributary to this city by the White Oaks railroad and hence important to El Paso.

The committee on Indian affairs has submitted a report in which they recommend the allotment of the Indian lands giving each 160 acres and throwing open the remainder to settlement. This course has been recommended by Capt. V. E. Stottler who was agent and for the first time in history succeeded in making the Apache ex-warriors dress in civilized clothing, cut off their long hair and get to work, instead of living in idleness of the government and getting drunk.

The opening of the reservation to settlement has been under consideration a long time and is being strongly urged by those most interested in the welfare of that section.

It is believed by some that valuable mineral is to be found on the reserve, but it is now useless as no prospecting is allowed under the law.

From the wording of the report of the congressional committee it is evident that its members are but poorly posted on the geography of New Mexico. They have located the entire reservation in Dona Ana county, but it is in Otero county.—El Paso Herald.

Rousing Them.

Tularosans, awake out of your Rip Van Winkle slumber, and listen to these glad tidings: Artesian water has been struck at a depth of 450 feet at Capitan. This is a great boon to that vicinity, and will enhance property value thousands of dollars. Let this give an impetus to our people. Do not procrastinate, but raise funds and have the well put down.—Tularosa Democrat.

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